

Water Transportation Advisory Board
July 29, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 2:00 pm on July 29, 2011, in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Conference Center in Frankfort, KY.

The board members in attendance were: Greg Pritchett, Ken Canter, and Norb Whitlock. Also in attendance were: Jeremy Edgeworth, Lynn Soporowski, Jamie Adams, Holland Spade, Chuck Knowles, Sarah Davasher, Ed Riney, Greg Curlin, David Mast, and Stan Lampe. The meeting was conducted by Greg Pritchett, Water Transportation Advisory Board Chair.

The Chair asked for all those in attendance to introduce themselves. The Chair then opened up the floor for a public comment period. No public comments were offered.

The Chair then passed out the minutes of the June 9, 2011, meeting for review. Norb Whitlock moved that the June 9, 2011, minutes are accepted as presented. Second by Ken Canter. 3 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 abstaining.

The Chair then read a letter to the Board announcing the resignation of Jay Hunt as a Water Transportation Advisory Board member. The Chair expressed his thanks for Mr. Hunt's service and indicated a letter of thanks would be sent to Mr. Hunt. A discussion was then held on the terms of the remaining Advisory Board members and how vacancies are filled.

The topic of the bylaws was raised. The question was raised about the creation of attendance requirements that would be amended to the bylaws. It was decided to appoint a bylaws subcommittee comprised of Greg Pritchett, Ken Canter, and Norb Whitlock to address this issue and discuss at the next meeting.

The Chair then discussed the recent survey of actions to enable the Commonwealth to make the best use of its waterways and riverports for future economic growth and ideas for the report to the Transportation Cabinet, Cabinet for Economic Development, Governor's Office, and General Assembly. The results of the brainstorming activity conducted at the June 9th meeting had been sorted out into three categories and sent out to the board members and interested parties in the form of an online survey to review and rank. The Chair asked Jeremy Edgeworth to briefly summarize the results (The results will be available on the Advisory Board website). There was extensive discussion fleshing out the points of the survey and deciding what should be placed in the annual report.

It was also decided that the criteria and sample applications to the Riverport Financial Assistance Trust Fund should also be developed by the 15th of September so that it can accompany the annual report.

It was decided that the Chair would send out an email to the board with possible dates for the next meeting so that schedules could be consulted, but around September 15th was proposed.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:20pm.

Submitted:
Jeremy Edgeworth
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